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### **\* ULTIMA HORA\***

**3/4/11**

#### **UNEMPLOYMENT LOWEST 2 YEARS**

**VO :22**

President Barack Obama says that a slight dip in the unemployment rate to 8.9 percent is a sign of continued progress but that keeping that momentum going is important to the economic recovery. The government reported Friday that February's jobless rate had fallen to a two-year low, down from 9 percent in January. Obama says the latest numbers show that the economy has added 1.5 million private-sector jobs in the last year and, in his words, "that's progress."

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### **\* EDICION NOCTURNA \***

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#### **IMMIGRATION PACKAGE IN UTAH**

**VO: 20**

With the immigration package, passed in both chambers of the Republican-controlled Legislature late Friday, Utah made a sharp break with the hard-line trend in state immigration legislation that has been led by Arizona, which passed a strict enforcement law last April. Utah's package includes measures to tighten enforcement against illegal immigrants that echo Arizona's tough stance - like a requirement that the police check the immigration status of anyone arrested on a felony or a serious misdemeanor charge. But supporters said the hybrid package offered an alternative to states, including those controlled by Republicans, that are seeking to avoid the costly political polarization and legal challenges that followed Arizona's law and that also want to recognize the need of some businesses for immigrant labor in spite of high unemployment nationally.

The guest worker bill came after intense lobbying by business and farm groups as well as by some immigrant advocates, and it enjoyed the quiet but all-important endorsement of the Mormon Church. It is likely to raise many of the same constitutional questions as the Arizona law, including whether it intrudes on areas of immigration law reserved exclusively for the federal government. Central provisions of Arizona's law, known as S. B. 1070, were suspended by federal courts pending a lawsuit by the Obama administration.

## **GAS PRICES**

**VO: 25**

Gas prices continued to rise Monday, driven higher for nearly two weeks straight by the turmoil in Libya, with analysts expecting prices to keep climbing. The national average price for a gallon of regular gasoline rose six tenths of a cent to \$3.509, according to a daily survey by motorist group AAA. Prices at the pump can vary widely among states, due in large part to vastly different levels of gasoline tax. Gas prices have increased for 13 days in a row, rising nearly 34 cents in that time. The highest gas prices in the nation are in California, where drivers pay an average of \$3.897 a gallon. Prices were also above \$3.80 in Hawaii and Alaska. Montana had the lowest gas prices at \$3.186 a gallon, on average. Wyoming was a close second with an average cost per gallon of \$3.189. Gas prices vary widely from state to state based largely on local tax rates. But prices have been trending higher nationwide following a rise in the price of crude oil, the main ingredient in gasoline.

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## **IMMIGRANT TUITION**

**VO: 20**

A panel of Maryland senators is hoping a series of nighttime tweaks will help shepherd a plan to grant in-state tuition to illegal immigrants through the Senate. The Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee voted Tuesday night to clean up the plan to grant illegal immigrants the same tuition rates at state-run universities that Maryland residents pay. The full Senate is to begin debating the bill Wednesday morning. The committee voted last week to require that illegal immigrants attend community college before they receive the in-state break at four-

year universities, but questions of county residency forced them into the last-minute work session. Although the committee sent the measure to the Senate last week, supporters opted to do the rework in committee where it faces less opposition.

## **CANCER SURVIVORS**

**VO: 20**

Nearly 12 million people in the United States are cancer survivors, almost four times as many as 40 years ago, reflecting big strides in cancer detection and treatment and the effect of an aging U.S. population, U.S. health officials said on Thursday. But many of the survivors face a lifetime of side effects caused by their treatments, according to figures released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Cancer Institute. The researchers found there were 11.7 million cancer survivors in 2007, up from 9.8 million in 2001 and 3 million in 1971.

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## **MARYLAND IMMIGRANT BILL**

**VO: 20**

The Maryland Senate could vote during a rare night session Monday on a bill that would allow illegal immigrants to pay in-state tuition rates at state colleges and universities. The bill modeled after the failed federal DREAM Act to require that affected students attend community college in the jurisdiction where they went to high school before qualifying for in-state tuition rates at a four-year college or university. Senators also amended the bill to require a student to spend three years in high school -- instead of two -- to be eligible for in-state tuition. Currently, 10 states allow undocumented students to pay in-state tuition.

## **INVESTIGATION FOR SUFFOLK POLICE DISCRIMINATION CASE BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ- NEW YORK**

**PKG 2:00**

Attorneys for the U.S. Justice Department are set to meet today with at least a dozen civil and immigrant rights groups, who are asking the feds to expand an investigation of the Suffolk County Police Department on Long Island. Mark Potok, director of the Intelligence Project, Southern Poverty Law Center, published the 2009 "Climate of Fear Report" on treatment of

Latino immigrants, which he says provides evidence that Suffolk County officials contributed substantially to racial tension and violence. Now, Potok says County Executive Steve Levy is openly feuding with a top police officer in the Hate Crimes Unit, and Potok believes the Justice Department needs to step in. The long-time commander of the Hate Crimes Unit, Detective-Sergeant Robert Reecks, was demoted in January. He says that shortly after taking office in 2004 the Levy administration reclassified what qualified as a hate crime.

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### **IMMIGRATION BILL 590**

**VIVIANA AVILA- INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

**PKG 2:00**

The effects of House Bill 1042 would be felt on the campuses of Indiana's state funded universities. It is a very short bill prohibiting what it refers to as "illegal aliens" from paying the in-state tuition rate at public institutions. That would roughly double the tuition costs of attending IU, Purdue, Ball State and other tax supported schools for students who are not lawfully present in the United States. The second bill is Senate Bill 590. This is a 77 page proposal that is getting the most attention. It would require more stringent enforcement of federal immigration laws by state agencies. The bills most controversial aspects would permit police to verify citizenship or immigration status and detain people, institute an English only policy for public meetings, and impose sanctions for businesses hiring "unauthorized aliens". Supporters say the bill simply enforces federal immigration laws. Opponents insist it violates personal rights. 590 easily passed the Senate. 1042 hasn't had a vote yet in the House.

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